

retransmission by the cable operators. Enforcement of the provisions of the Act rests with the authorized officer i.e. DMs, SDMs, Commissioner of Police and other officers as may be notified by the Central/State Governments. The issue of effective implementation of the provisions of the Cable Act has been taken up with the State Governments.

Providing news to common man through DD

†406. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan is not able to provide the news of incidents taking place throughout the country to common man at the earliest and in an efficient manner as compared to other private companies in electronic media;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon; and

(c) whether it is a fact that private sector companies have played prime role as compared to Doordarshan in providing news to the people on the recent severe earthquake in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No Sir. It has been intimated by Prasar Bharati that Doordarshan has been giving extensive coverage to the happenings in Gujarat right from the time the devastating earthquake rocked the State on 26.01.2001. The calamity and its aftermath, including the relief measures being taken by the Government and other agencies, are continuously and effectively being highlighted in the various programmes of Doordarshan and the news bulletins being telecast on its National Network, News Channel and the Regional Kendras.

Violation of provisions of Cinematograph Act, 1952

407. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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